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(54) Title: INJECTION MOULDING POLYMER

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to the use of an LLDPE produced using a single site catalyst, e.g. an LLDPE produced using a metallocene (m-LLDPE), in injection moulding of food packaging material, especially closures for food containers. Such materials have been found to exhibit low levels of migration, typically less than 40 mg/dm², e.g. less than 5 mg/dm², and are particularly suitable for use in packaging foods having a high fat content.

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Use of an LLDPE prepared using a single site catalyst in injection moulding of food packaging material.

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LLDPE suitable for use in injection moulding having a migration level of 40 mg/square dm.

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A closure for a food container formed from an LLDPE.

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